

# Coordinate Descent

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# Coordinate Descent for Unregularized Regression

- Express error as a difference of  $y_i$  and  $\hat{y}_i$

$$\hat{y}_i = \sum_{j=0}^d \theta_j x_i^j = \theta_0 x_i^0 + \theta_1 x_i^1 + \theta_2 x_i^2 + \dots + \theta_d x_i^d \quad (1)$$

$$\epsilon_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i \quad (2)$$

$$= y_i - \theta_0 x_i^0 + \theta_1 x_i^1 + \dots + \theta_d x_i^d \quad (3)$$

$$= y_i - \sum_{j=0}^d \theta_j x_i^j \quad (4)$$

# Coordinate Descent for Unregularized regression

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon^2 = RSS = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( y_i - \left( \theta_0 x_i^0 + \dots + \theta_j x_i^j + \theta_d x_i^d \right) \right)^2$$

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where:

$$\hat{y}_i^{(-j)} = \theta_0 x_i^0 + \dots + \theta_d x_i^d$$

is  $\hat{y}_i$  without  $\theta_j$

# Coordinate Descent for Unregularized regression

$$\text{Set } \frac{\partial \text{RSS}(\theta_j)}{\partial \theta_j} = 0$$

$$\theta_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(y_i - (\theta_0 x_i^0 + \dots + \dots + \theta_d x_i^d)) (x_i^j)}{(x_i^j)^2} = \frac{\rho_j}{z_j}$$

$$\rho_j = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^j (y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-j)})$$

$$z_j = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i^j)^2$$

$z_j$  is the squared of  $\ell_2$  norm of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  feature

UNDERSTANDING  $J_j$  IN COORDINATE DESCENT

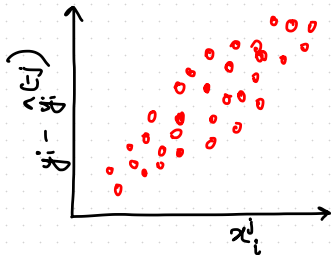
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UNDERSTANDING  $p_j$  IN COORDINATE DESCENT

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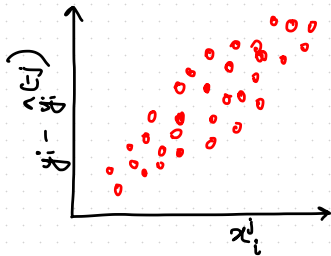


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# UNDERSTANDING $\beta_j$ IN COORDINATE DESCENT

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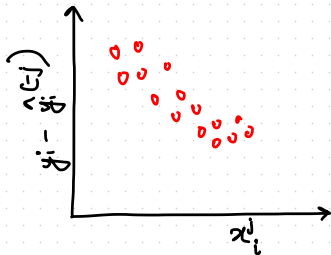
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CASE II



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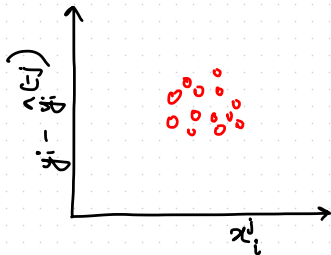


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# UNDERSTANDING $\beta_j$ IN COORDINATE DESCENT

$$\beta_j = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^j (y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-j)})$$

## CASE II



$x_i^j$  WEAK  
 WITH  $y_i - \hat{y}_i^{(-j)}$  CORR.  
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 $j^{\text{th}}$  FEATURE IS **NOT** IMPT.  
 AND ITS COEF.  $\rightarrow 0$

# Coordinate Descent for Lasso Regression

$$\text{Minimize } \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \epsilon^2 + \delta^2 \{|\theta_0| + |\theta_1| + \dots |\theta_j| + \dots |\theta_d|\}}_{\text{LASSO OBJECTIVE}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} (\text{LASSO OBJECTIVE}) = -2\rho_j + 2\theta_j \mathbf{z}_j + \delta^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} |\theta_j|$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} |\theta_j| = \begin{cases} 1 & \theta_j > 0 \\ [-1, 1] & \theta_j = 0 \\ -1 & \theta_j < 0 \end{cases}$$

# Coordinate Descent for Lasso Regression

- **Case 1:**  $\theta_j > 0$

$$2\rho_j + 2\theta_j z_j + \delta^2 = 0$$

$$\theta_j = \frac{\rho_j - \frac{\delta^2}{2}}{z_j}$$

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# Coordinate Descent for Lasso Regression

- **Case 3:**  $\theta_j = 0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j}(\text{LASSO OBJECTIVE}) = -2\rho_j + 2\theta_j z_j + \delta^2 \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} |\theta_j|}_{[-1,1]}$$
$$\underbrace{\in [-2\rho_j - \delta^2, -2\rho_j + \delta^2]}_{\{0\} \text{ lies in this range}}$$

$$-2\rho_j - \delta^2 \leq 0 \text{ and } -2\rho_j + \delta^2 \leq 0$$
$$-\frac{\delta^2}{2} \leq \rho_j \leq \frac{\delta^2}{2} \Rightarrow \theta_j = 0$$



# Summary of Lasso Regression

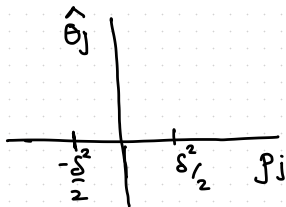
$$\theta_j = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\rho_j + \frac{\delta^2}{2}}{z_j} & \text{if} & \rho_j < -\frac{\delta^2}{2} \\ 0 & \text{if} & -\frac{\delta^2}{2} \leq \rho_j \leq \frac{\delta^2}{2} \\ \frac{\rho_j - \frac{\delta^2}{2}}{z_j} & \text{if} & \rho_j > \frac{\delta^2}{2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

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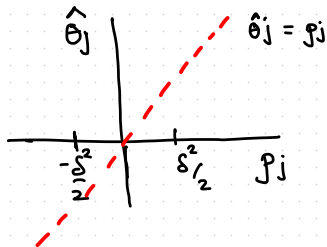
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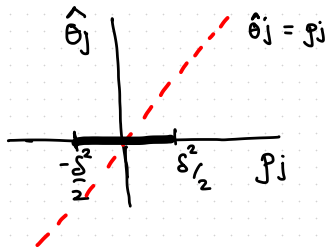
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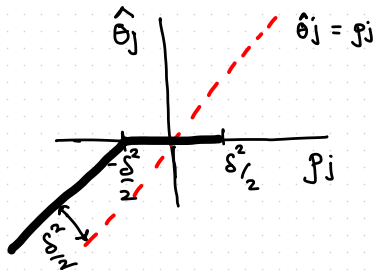
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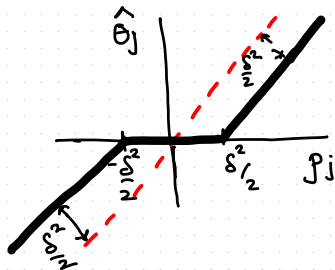
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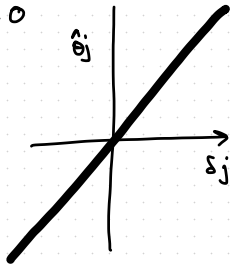
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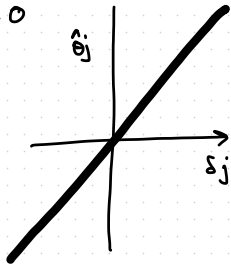


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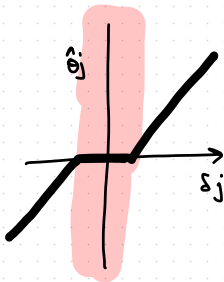


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